A boy sat dreaming near a summer brook,
Dreaming of things to come, and yet content
To view the landscape with enraptured look;
The sunset bars of gold, with crimson blent,
Filled all his soul with quiet wonderment;
His was a sacred joy, beyond compare,
To think this earth had scenes so wondrous fair.

Long years have passed; the boy hath learnt his of knowledge of the toil that daily strives;
How earth is filled with bitter cark and care.
And ceaseless want broods darkly o'er the lives
Of city-hanning toilers, men and wives.
How can his heart do otherwise than grieve
That earth has dens where ruffians cheat an
thiops?

Oh, that the course of time could back return.
When sunset skies could yield a perfect peace,
When every slope, ablaze with golden fern,
E'en in decay showed beauty's rich increase.
And every skylark's song bade sorrow cease.
Before the innocent mind had learnt to scan
How God's fair earth is marred by the sins of

But wherefore backward gaze with fond regret? Canst thou not learn the lesson God would

But wherefore backward gaze with fond expect Canst thou not learn the lesson God would teach? His face is forward, and His laws have set No limit to his forecast's boundless reach; If even here, at times, joy visits each Whose mind is pure, conceive what joys may thrill A world unsoiled by crime: untouched by ill!

Look forward! Though thy mind must fail to

guess
The vast developments of endless time,
Believe that He, whose smile doth even bless
This sinful earth, can, in His plan sublime, Complete a universe that knows no crime. Serve faithfully; help them that err, and wait: God in good time throws wide the golden gate. —The Academy. WALTER W. SKEAT.

DR. GABRIEL'S EXPERIMENT.

Dr. Gabriel's experiment, with its extra. found their way into the daily papers; rapacious contributors to weekly light literature have eagerly seized upon the weird truth to build upon it a tower of sensational fiction; writers of leading articles totally ignorant of the true story have gone so far as to accuse those directly concerned of wilful freed.

steadily sinking.

One day a messenger brought me the following letter from Dr. Benson:

"DEAR A.: In a few hours Gabriel will be no more. I have received from him a sealed document, in which, he states, will be found information that may offer some explanation as to the cause of his blindness. He desires a post mortem examination to be wilful fraud.

To those who have known Dr. Gabriel, and enjoyed his friendship; to those who have been his fellow workers in science and have learned to appreciate his genius, these misunderstandings, these ridiculous exag-gerations are especially painful. It is, then under such circumstances that I have been requested to write clearly, and as far as possible without the use of scientific terms, all that is known of this remarkable experi-

Dr. Gabriel has been well known in medi-Dr. Gabriel has been well known in medi-cal circles as the rising oculist of St. Jos-eph's hospital. His indefatigable efforts have largely added to the literature of his special subject. His investigations and his experiments in optics and surgery of the eye have placed him in the front rank of his profession, and have seemed for his profession, and profession, and have secured for him a lastng reputation.

Our acquaintance, I regret to say, was not extensive; occasionally we have met at the house of his colleague, Dr. Benson, some-times in the hunting field and rarely in so-

ciety.

There is no necessity to describe his personal appearance; suffice it to say that it needed but a glance to assure one that he was a man of keen intellect and a gentleman. His manner, always courteous, was not to preserved to please most peo-

held by his colleagues.

A little more than a year ago Dr. Gabriel married the beautiful daughter of a celebrated artist, a girl who, without in the least degree being a blue-stocking, had received a far higher education than most English women. She interested herself greatly in her husband's studies, and by her artistic abilities was analyed to he of the collection of rtistic abilities was enabled to be of considerable service to him in preparing draw-ings to illustrate his great work on the "Eye." Much of her time was spent in

ings to illustrate his great work on the "Eye." Much of her time was spent in such useful labor.

No wonder, then, these two were more united than the majority of people.

Although Mrs. Gabriel's beauty was of such a high order as to have made it an easy matter for her to reign as a leading star in society, society's prizes had no temptation for her. Entirely devoted to her husband and his work, her happiness was perfect. Truly Dr. Gabriel was a fortunate man to have won such a companion in toil and recreation! But their happiness was short lived. They had been married but one year—one year of unbroken gladness—when, the summer session having passed, Dr. Gabriel put science and practice entirely away, and prepared to spend his month's vacation in Alpine climbing. His wife never hesitated to share this toilsome pleasure; strong and robust, it was just the exercise most fascinating to her energetic nature. The story of her fate is a short one. One morning the daily papers contained a short account of "another frightful accident in the Alps." Mrs. Gabriel and a guide were killed by a mass of falling rocks. Dr. Gabriel, though much injured, recovered. On the contract of the suddenness with which the night fell upon me. My own injuries were not as serious as have been supposed, and I do not believe my present condition is in any way connected with them. The brain concussion and shock impaired my mental faculties in one respect only—I could never perfectly recall my wife's face. For hours I have tried to conjure up her image, to form a dream-picture, without success. Her portraits were to me as likenesses of some other women. There were her features, certainly—the shape and pose of her beautiful head—but not she—not my darling. The phantoms of those long forgotten, old school-fellow patients, hosts of casual acquaintances, would pass before me with maddening distinctness; but the one who had made my life of monotony a brief era of happiness, was hidden even from my mind's eye.

"For a few weeks I returned to profes." having passed. Dr. Gabriel put science and practice entirely away, and prepared to spend his month's vacation in Alpine climbing. His wife never hesitated to share this toilsome pleasure; strong and robust, it was just the exercise most fascinating to her energetic nature. The story of her fate is a short one. One morning the daily papers contained a short account of "another frightful accident in the Alps." Mrs. Gabriel and a guide were killed by a mass of falling rocks. Dr. Gabriel, though much injured, recovered. On though much injured, recovered. On his return to England he gave up all professional work. A ghastly change had taken place. In his haggard face and gray hair, few could recognize the great oculist who had been the picture of strong and energetic manhood. His colleagues and fellow-professors endeavored to persuade him to return to his practice and hemital work. to return to his practice and hospital work, but in vain. He would see but few friends, and for some time Dr. Benson only was ad-

arouse the widower from the despondent state into which he had faller.. Weeks passed, and still no signs of im provement appeared. Dr. Gabriel's seclu sion became even more profound, so that it was with difficulty Dr. Benson could obtain

mitted. This excellent man was much alarmed at his condition, but failed to

access to him.

Rumors were circulated that the shock of his wife's death and the injuries he him-self had received had affected his mind, but self had received had affected his mind, but these reports were emphatically denied by those friends who were successful in obtaining an audience. The household servants, too, declared that beyond his excessive reserve there was nothing unusual in his manner. They said that he spent most of his time in his laboratory, where he frequently remained the whole day and the greater part of the night, and was evidently absorbed in an experiment of great interest.

Let me here introduce myself in order to explain the part taken by me in the events which followed. I will first state that I have no connection whatever with the medical profession. Being of independent means and of a scientific turn, I have devoted much time to the study of photography, especially those branches so seldom at

voted much time to the study of photography, especially those branches so seldom attempted by amateurs, viz., enlarging and reproducing. In this way I have been able to be of service to many eminent histologists and microscopists—including my friend Dr. Benson—men who have no time to register the result of their researches by this means themselves. The work has an indiscribable fascination for meil have studied under the most celebrated professors of photography both in this country and on the continent, and I think I can say without boasting that I can hold my own against any amateur or professional in this art. By this means I became acquainted with many this means I became acquainted with many colleagues of Dr. Gabriel, and from them

heard many details of his works.

One night after a meeting of the Histo One night after a meeting of the Histological society, we were rediscussing the speech of the evening, when Dr. Benson who had been called away an hour or two previously, returned, his genial countenance preternaturally grave and anxious. He soon told us that he had just come from Dr. Gabriel, who had become suddenly and unaccountably stone blind! Such an announcement at once stopped all further discussion on the "cholera bacillus," the

subject of the meeting, and Dr. Benson was eagerly questioned for further information. "The case completely baffles me," said the physician. "Dr. Gabriel declares that on physician. "Dr. Gabriel declares that on awaking this morning, he found that he had entirely lost his sight—he appears to-tally unable to distinguish light from darkness. I have carefully examined the optic discs with the ophthalmoscope," continued he, "without being able to make out the faintest change in retina; and there are no symptoms which would lead one to believe he had sustained any cerebral lesion. I have never been so puzzled by any case in my life."

my life."
Many theories to account for this phenomenon were at once advanced by of the younger men present, most of them holding that the blindness resulted from mischief set up in the brain by the accident in the Alps. To this Dr. Benson could not

in the Alps. To this Dr. Benson could not agree, his great experience in these cases leading him to expect symptoms which were conspicuous by their absence in Dr. Gabriel's misfortune.

"There is a remarkable mental condition here," added the doctor, "which, although it does not bear upon the question from a pathological point of view, is as interesting and surprising as it is inexplicable. It is this. Dr. Gabriel, in losing his sight, has also lost all melancholy, all his former depression of spirits; in fact, he has quite returned to his natural cheerful condition. During my short interview he never once During my short interview he never once expressed any regret at this crowning cal-amity, and although futly convinced that he would never see again, he appeared in no

There were many grave faces and signif-

icant nods as Dr. Benson concluded. Poor Gabriel, they believe him mad. Time proved that neither Dr. Gabriel's extraordinary return to cheerfulness nor his loss of sight was of a transitory nature; both were perfectly incomprehensible. There was one thing, however, evident enough to the uneducated as well as to the ordinary result, has been thoroughly sifted by many learned and scientific societies. Indeed, I believe the whole scientific world has at last been forced to accept if not understand the facts in connection with it. It is not so, however, with the outside world—the lay public; exaggerated accounts have found their way into the daily papers; rasteadily sinking.

> explanation as to the cause of his bilindness. He desires a post mortem examination to be made upon his body immediately after death, if possible. He fully believes that something of unparalled interest will be discovered should the examination be carefully conducted. In order that it may be according to the property of the property as complete as possible, he wishes any ab-normal discovery to be at once photo-graphed. For many reasons it is undesira-ble to employ a professional photographer. Knowing that you have much spare time, I venture to feel sure that you will assist us in this matter. If you have no other engagement, please hold yourself in readiness to start at a moment's notice.
> "In haste, yours sincerely,
> "HENRY BENSON."

I readily agreed to give my services whenever they might be required, and prepared such apparatus as I was accustomed to use on similar occasions.

Early one morning Dr. Benson called for me on his way to Gabriel's house. He had just received information that the poor ocu-list was in articulo mortis. We arrived a list was in articulo mortis. We arrived a few minutes before the end. Quietly we entered the darkened chamber. How difficult it was to believe that those intelligent eyes, even in these last moments so lustrous and deep, could be absolutely sightless; wide open, they turned as if searchingly upon the face of the physician, as with his fingers lightly on the patient's hand he leaned over the bed, But there was no reflection of the doctor's grave and anxious look—a peaceful smile spread over the man. His manner, always courteous, was somewhat too reserved to please most people, although among his intimate friends this reserve was found to cover a mine of humor and good nature.

From Dr. Benson I have learned much concerning the quelist's private life, his work at the hospital, his inventions and experiments, and the esteem in which he was periments, and the esteem in which he was professional friends who, like myself, had been invited to attend. Dr. Benson then produced the sealed document mentioned produced the sealed document mentioned for the doctor's grave and anxious flection of the doctor's grave and anxi

"My experiences during the past few months have been so abnormal—in every respect so inexplicable and apparently so far beyond the bounds of human rea oning, that, believing I should be regarded as a madman were I to publish them, I earnestly request that the facts which I am about to relate may be hidden from all but those present at the autopsy, should the examina-tion of my dead body fail to bring forth

"For a few weeks I returned to professional duties and endeavored to forget my misfortunes in hard work. Whatever success I achieved in the day was undone at night. Sleep came but fitfully—no dream gave even a shadowy glimpse of the happy

"It was about this time I experienced a remarkable sensation, by what means pro-duced I cannot say. Certain I was that ocduced I cannot say. Certain I was that occasionally, in the room, at my side, bending over me, waiting, watching, was my wife's soul, spirit, or whatever the immortal form may be. No physical sign existed, no sound, nothing visible or tangible, yet the conviction was overwhelming. Never a believer in things supernatural, I fought resolutely against the idea, till at length convinced in spite of reason, I devoted all my energies to the study of psychology and its literature, in feeble hope of arriving at the mystery's solution. Volume after volume I threw aside in disgust, Hundreds of cases somewhat similar to mine I found recorded, and as many ridiculous theories advanced to account for them, lous theories advanced to account for them, but not one that would bear scientific investigation. Who would credit my story? Who would not believe me to be the victim of a morbid imagination?

of a morbid imagination?

"A clue, however, came at last, and from a most unexpected quarter. Once while sitting in my study I felt the indescribable sensation stealing over me; all excitement and horror had long passed, for these 'visitations' were now frequent. I only longed once more to behold my beloved wife. I looked up from the book I was reading, vainly seeking the invisible form. The night was far advanced—everything was still, not a stir or rustle disturbed the silence. Presently the sound of a slight

still, not a stir or rustle disturbed the silence. Presently the sound of a slight splash caused me to glance in the direction of a small globe aquarium placed in a far corner of the room. I was surprised to observe the evident agitation of the golden carp it contained. That they were extremely terrified I detected in a moment, having studied their habits very closely. Yet there was no apparent cause for such excitement. It was impossible that the slight movement in raising my head could produce such an effect. No cat, dog, or other animal was in the apartment. Was it possible that the 'presence' hidden from me was visible to these lower creatures?

"Night after night I carefully watched

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light, for the ordinary white solar light is a combination of all the colors of the spec trum. Moreover, it is a fact that when light is passed through a prism and broken up into the beautiful colors of the rainbow, there are rays beyond the red and violet ends which are quite imperceptible to us, but that they do exist can be demonstrated their effects upon certain chemicals ne sensitive plate of a camera receives em and shows the presence of celestial dies whose beams have no effect upon the human retina. Thus photographs are taken of suns which have long ceased to shine kettles of boiling water can be phot graphed in the dark. Therefore we must admit our own eyes are but very imperfect perceivers. But how about the so-called lower animals: Has not one of our most celebrated naturalists proved by his experiments upon ants that these insects are clearly sensitive to rays beyond the violets? What they see is probably a color inconceivable to us. It is not possible that the so-termed 'ghost-seer may be gifted with retina sensitive to these ultra rays? Would not this theory account for many remarkable cases of persons be-holding apparations, and in which circumstantial evidence seems to point to the hon-esty of those visited? Because we cannot as yet understand these phenomena we call them 'delusions.' Must it ever be beyond the power of science to supply us with a means of increasing our sense of sight in this direction?

"Such were the questions suggested by the splash of a tiny goldfish! To answer them in a practical form wes the task I now set myself. I determined to carry out an elaborate series of experiments upon the visual apparatus of fish; taking into con sideration the changes light must underge in passing through the refracting media of the curved glass of the aquarium and the bubbling water it contained. My goal was to see the unseen—to construct an appara-tus which should enable the human eye to perceive the ultra rays. Whether I suc-ceeded or no can be proved only upon the dissecting table. Perhaps, after all, I am mad, and the phenomena which I am about to relate are but hallucinations of a morbid

"I do not intend to describe in detail the progress of this novel study, nor to disclose he various discoveries which enabled me

the various discoveries which enabled the to succeed after many weary failures.

"The startling and altogether unsuspected consequences of my success compel me to believe that I have overstepped the moral bounds of science and that I should be increasing my guilt were I to enable others to follow in my path. It must be sufficient for me to say that the medium I constructed through which I was to behold the dead was to all appearances, an arrangement of col-ored lenses. It was not long before I had an opportunity of testing my discovery. One an opportunity of testing my discovery. One night I awoke with the consciousness that my wife was present. I even knew she was bending over me. I could imagine her breath upon her my cheek. My optical apparatus lay on the table within easy reach—with a palpitating heart I placed it before my eyes. For a moment I was dazzled by a brilliant flash of light: then clothed in indescrible colors, I beheld the face of my dead wife. To give the faintest idea of these marvelous hues is utterly impossible. They could wife. To give the faintest idea of these marvelous hues is utterly impossible. They could no more be imagined that one could conceive a new sense. Nothing in our earthly experience can give the least notion of their beauty. Yet the face did not appear un natural—on the contrary, it seemed perfectly real and substantial. It was my beautiful wife—transcendantly beautiful. Impulsively I sprang towards her, throwing aside the lenses in my cestacy. They fell upon the floor shivered to atoms. Yet the brilliant image remained before me in all its loveliness. In the excitement of the moment this did not seem strange. I was in a semi-delirium.

"How many be a by ery long one and yet be the shortest between given points. For instance the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway has over 2000 miles of 10 ad; magnif-

in a semi-delirium.

"How long I continued in this ecstatic state I cannot tell, I remember being aroused by the bedroom door, and the voice it is one of the aroused by the bedroom door, and the voice of my valet informing me that it was time to arise. I turned in the direction of the sound, but could hear nothing except my wife's features. I did not for a moment suspect the truth. I believed my sight was temporarily impaired, as is naturally the case after gazing at an extremely bright object. But before long I awoke to the fact that I was blind to everything but my wife's image. This remained permanently before me, but not in its original hues—still more beautiful tints gradually eclipsed the others, probably their

everything but my wife's image. This remained permanently before me, but not in its original hues—still more beautiful tints gradually eclipsed the others, probably their complementary colors. This final apparation has never left me. Whether my lids are closed or open, my wife is always before my eyes. At times I feel her presence, but her voice is dumb for ever.

"It had never occurred to me during the time I was elaborating my experiment that the ultra rays might have an injurious effect upon the retinae. I now believe that these rays of unusual light have produced a pathological change in this membrane. It is for those who conduct the examination of my remains to prove by actual demonstration the truth of my story."

Dr. Benson laid the paper on the table. Some time elapsed before the impressive silence was broken. Each one present remained absorbed in reflection upon these extraordinary revelations. At last it was suggested that the ghastly object of the meeting should be carried out. This is not the place for me to describe the details of the examination. It is enough to say that as Dr. Gabriel had anticipated, in a part of the examination. It is enough to say that as Dr. Gabriel had anticipated, in a part of the examination. It is enough to say that as Dr. Gabriel had anticipated, in a part of the examination. It is enough to say that as Dr. Gabriel had anticipated, in a part of the examination. It is enough to say that as Dr. Gabriel had anticipated, in a part of the examination. It is enough to say that as Dr. Gabriel had anticipated, in a part of the examination. It is enough to say that as Dr. Gabriel had anticipated, in a part of the examination. It is enough to say that as Dr. Gabriel had anticipated, in a part of the examination. It is enough to say that as Dr. Gabriel had anticipated, in a part of the examination. It is enough to say that as Dr. Gabriel had anticipated, in a part of the examination. These optograms were immediately enlarged by photography. The two pictures

These optograms were immediately enlarged by photography. The two pictures thus obtained were placed together and viewed through an ordinary stereoscope.

On looking through the instrument as I on looking through the instrument as I am doing at this present moment, I see the dim and misty image of a female head, like the unfinished sketch of a beautiful model. It is difficult to believe it is the actual photograph of a disembodied spirit. Yet such it is, and without doubt a witness to the truth of Dr. Gabriel's story and the success

of his experiment.

Dr. Gabriel's death remains a mystery.

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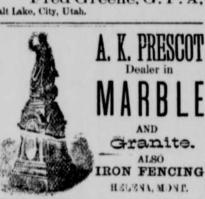
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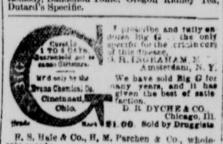
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